

CAMP COOKE, HERE WE COME! Pvt. Philip Morris (driving), and Corporal Ronald Ray (in seat), Headquarters and Service Co., 578th Battalion of 40th Division National Guard wave goodbye to Torrance as they leave for Camp Cooke, near San Luis Obispo.

to meet with other units of the 40th Division. They are in a mobile air compressor, engineering equipment used for blowing up pneumatic pontoons, jack hammers, digging trenches, etc. —Photo by Photo Arts Studio

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BIG SAVINGS IN COST OF NEW SCHOOLS SEEN

Concrete Slabs Use Is Studied

Torrance schools can save from 12 to 15 percent on new building costs by using a new-type but accepted method of construction.

This was revealed Tuesday night as the Board of Education reported on a tour of buildings so constructed.

Superintendent J. H. Hull, Business Manager E. W. Ingram, and Board Members Al Jackson and W. H. Tolson were escorted on the tour by a firm of architects which has been working with concrete construction seeking methods of building schools at reduced costs.

Jackson pointed out that the Torrance district would be pioneering this type of construction.

However, during the last three and one-half years, there have been many buildings of pre-cast concrete constructed in the area, and they have in each case resulted in considerable saving, estimated at between 12 and 15 percent, minimum.

The Board Tuesday night hired the firm of Daniel, Mann & Johnson as architects for the high school construction program. Henry Gogarty refused the job due to press of other business, it was said.

75 Home Permits In August

Residence building soars as permits for 75 new homes and one business were issued for the month of August in Torrance.

Total of permits issued for August was \$635,525, of which \$493,675 were for new single residences.

In comparison, the total for August, 1949 was \$410,761, \$242,764 less than that of August, 1950.

\$5,000,000 RISE
The total for the eight month period this year, \$8,497,195, shows a rise of almost \$5,000,000 over last year's \$3,550,195 for the same period of time.

City officials are predicting that Torrance's 1950 building might reach as high as \$12,000,000 in the four remaining months of this year.

They pointed out that the average monthly construction since (Continued on Page Two)

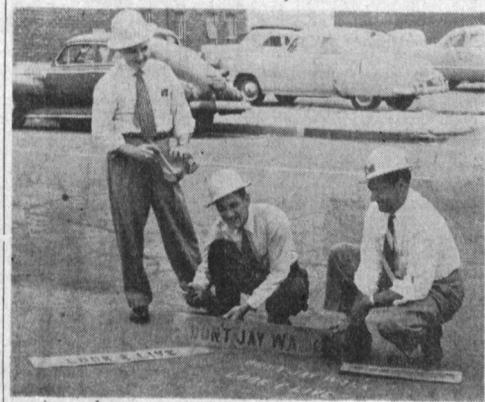
Rate Boosts Granted Gas Company

A final order issued last week by the State Public Utilities Commission granted annual permanent gas rate increases of \$6-100,000 to the Southern California Gas Co.

But this also means many customers actually will pay less than they have recently been paying.

The rate boost includes the \$5,700,000 yearly hike given the company on an interim basis last February. Those rates have been effect since then.

Final figures indicate that about 1,000,000 domestic consumers will pay approximately \$3-800,000 of the total \$6,100,000 (Continued on Page Two)



BOB ALMOND, JIM MOORHEAD, and Jaycee Vice-President DWIGHT EUBANK are in the process of stenciling the sidewalks with safety mottos. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the safety campaign with planned events, the motto, "Look and Live", and aluminum hats as earmarks. Mayor Bob Haggard has proclaimed September as "Safety Month." —Photo by Photo Arts Studio

Local Schools Ready For Pupils Sept. 11

School bells will ring again for all classes from kindergarten to adults on Monday, September 11. Principals and teachers are on duty and spending the week of September 4 in meetings, workshops and preparing for pupils to arrive the following Monday.

Each morning is devoted to workshops in reading, science, physical education, speech library materials, music, art, health, and individualized instruction. The workshop leaders include members of the local staff and consultants from the office of the County Superintendent of schools. Afternoons are spent in the individual buildings in meetings with the principals and getting classrooms ready for the pupils.

The school staff totals 192 members for the opening of school, real evidence of the fast growing school population. School opened last year with a total staff of 153. An opening enrollment of 4,300 pupils is expected this year compared to an opening enrollment of 3,656 last year.

KINDERGARTEN
Any child who is 4 1/2 years of age or before September 1 may enroll in the Kindergarten upon presentation of an acceptable verification of birth date. Parents are urged to register these children the week of September 5, at the elementary school which they will attend to avoid the September 11 rush. A special schedule has been planned for these children during the first week of school to help them get off to a good start. Parents cooperation in this (Continued on Page Six)

9th Grade Program Underway

Ninth graders entering high school may no longer feel "lost" as the new ninth grade orientation program planned by the Torrance Board of Education is well underway.

At last Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting, Torrance High School Principal John Steinbaugh, Walter Raywalt and Newton Metfessel, representing the six high school teachers hired for a special earlier period to set up the program and work with it, reported to the Board on the progress and goals of the new program.

These teachers will serve as counselors for the ninth graders and will have them three periods a day in which to teach them basic skills of self discipline, working together, reading, writing, etc.

As Metfessel said, "We want to get these kids to help themselves." Basic reason for this special program as Judge Shidler said, is for student integration between the elementary and high school levels.

Officer M. H. Porter, president of the Torrance Police Officers Association announced those who will carry the responsibility of making this vaudeville show, to be held Sept. 30 in the high school auditorium a success.

All proceeds from this coming vaudeville program, which will be given in two separate performances, are for the Torrance Auxiliary Police, a youth group sponsored by the Torrance Police Department.

The show committee will be headed by Capt. W. H. Haslam, who will be assisted by Officers D. C. Cook, J. W. Holmes, J. B. Miles, R. C. Wright.

Capt. F. J. Shumacker will be in charge of ticket sales. Assisting him will be Officers J. W. Maestri, L. J. Beal, L. L. Benton, (Continued on Page Two)



DELBERT VAUGHN
Prominent Local Realtor

"Look and Live," Jaycee Safety Motto

"Look and Live," the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce safety slogan for September Safety month as proclaimed by Mayor Bob Haggard got its push-off last Tuesday evening when Jaycees stenciled the city's sidewalks with the slogan.

Cooperating with Chief of Police John Stroh and his accident prevention detail, the Jaycees have adopted shiny aluminum safety hats, seen around town as they identifying uniform. This safety hat is used extensively by the workers of major industries comprising the Torrance area, and was therefore chosen as a fitting symbol of young men at work in Torrance.

Safety promoting activities have been planned for the remainder of the month, according to Dwight Eubank, vice president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Delbert Vaughn Joins Alter Realty Concern

Delbert Vaughn, prominent Torrance realtor, is now associated with Alter Realty and Insurance Company and is manager of their active Harbor City office located at 1529 West Pacific Coast Highway in Harbor City.

Formerly a resident of Harbor City and past president of the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce Mr. Vaughn is well known in this area since 1946.

He is a charter member and past president of Torrance Optimist Club and past deputy governor of Area 4 Toast Master's International. Mr. Vaughn belongs to the Masonic Order and is a member of the Moose Lodge and also the First Baptist Church of Torrance. He is a member of the California State as well as Torrance-Lomita Realty Boards. For the past three years Vaughn has been connected with the firms Percy and Vaughn Investment Corporation and Howard Percy Realty Company. Appreciation of the people of Torrance and Harbor Area of their business associations and good will was expressed by Mr. Vaughn.

113 Torrance Men Go to Camp

More than 113 local men of the 40th Division of the National Guard left at noon yesterday for Camp Cooke.

Advance details of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, formerly stationed at the Torrance airport and the Torrance Ball Park left last Friday, Sept. 1, for Camp Cooke, near San Luis Obispo.

Ten per cent of the unit left in advance details for Camp Cooke, according to Col. Dallas Downes, Commanding Officer of the 578th Battalion.

"The remainder of the 40th Division will be moving to Camp Cooke between the 6th and 8th of September," said Downes.

Local men of Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company who left yesterday include: Lt. Col. Dallas I. Downes, Major Lee W. Gibbons, Major Walter W. Ohschlager, Capt. Austin J. Greene, Capt. Dudley P. Jones, Capt. John R. Ross, 1st Lt. Ollie O. Marksberry, 1st Lt. John P. McGriff, 1st Lt. Robert B. Dickerson, 2nd Lt. Richard G. Burian, 2nd Lt. Donn J. Stafford, WOJG James L. Curry, WOJG Edward J. McInerney, WOJG Robert V. Feldman, WOJG George E. Casler.

M-Sgt. Ralph E. Tapp, M-Sgt. Don C. Townsend, M-Sgt. James F. Wilkes; S-1st c Henry W. Dyar, S-1st c Leland E. Lewin, S-1st c Paul R. McCune, S-1st c Carmine J. Mirro, S-1st c Nick A. Mekis, S-1st c Glenn A. Price, S-1st c Neal C. Silence, S-1st c Milton A. Youngken, S-1st c Donald E. Burke, S-1st c Robert T. Warga.

Sgt. Charles A. Allison, Sgt. Lee V. Bailey, Sgt. Norman P. Baker, Sgt. Sherman M. Barrett, Sgt. James A. Bracken, Sgt. (Continued on Page Six)



RONNIE SELOVER

Press Loses Reporter to Armed Service

Off to the service is a member of the Peninsula Press staff. He is Cameron (Ronnie) Selover who has been employed as reporter and circulation manager since his graduation last June from Torrance High School.

Selover went with the advance unit of headquarters and service company of the 578th Engineer (Combat) Battalion, California National Guard, to Camp Cooke last Friday where he is assigned to the motor pool as a driver. The battalion, part of the 40th Infantry Division, has been inducted into the Federal service on orders of President Truman. Selover is the son of Frank J. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, and Helen C. Selover, clerk at Fern Avenue school.

Maintenance Of Streets Expensive

(Editor's note: This is the second of a series of articles printed exclusively in this newspaper on "Where Your Tax Dollar Goes" in Torrance. The Press believes that it is more important to you to know about events and occurrences which touch you most closely than it is to have reports of crime, scandal, gossip, and other unclean categories thrust upon its readers. Nothing touches you and your family more closely than your (Continued on Page Two)

noon and 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., there are eight others in Torrance, five in Lomita, one in the Shoestring Strip and others in Waverly, Harbor City and other Torrance suburbs.

One Torrance man reported to the Press last week that he had gone to the City Hall to register for voting. He had been told that there were no registrars there at the time.

He asked if there were any other nearby place where he could be registered for voting and was referred to an address which turned out to be a grocery store. People at the store told him the correct address of the registrar.

COULDN'T REGISTER
On arriving, the registrar told him that she couldn't register him because she didn't have her books there. He asked her if she could suggest where he could go to register in the Torrance area. She said: "I don't know of anything you could do but go over (Continued on Page Two)

Local Demos To Hear Vince Thomas Sun.
Torrance Democrats will hear Vincent Thomas, 68th District Assemblyman at 10 a. m. this Sunday, at the VFW hall in Torrance.

Sponsored by the Democratic Club of Torrance, Vincent Thomas and other prominent speakers expected for the program will discuss propositions for the coming election. Nick Dale is Chairman of the Torrance Democrats. Entertainment will be provided for by Miss Janeene Colombo. Miss Colombo, who has appeared on radio and television will entertain with accordion solos.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Democrats.

Out-of-Town Buses Want Local Fares

Bus lines from Redondo Beach, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena and Wilmington are very willing to tap Torrance territory and take trade which normally and rightfully belongs to Torrance merchants to other communities, according to a survey completed this week by the Press.

And they are willing to get the trade away from Torrance merchants for a 10 cent fare, the survey shows.

It is estimated that nearly \$13,000,000 in retail trade which belongs to Torrance is lost by local merchants annually. Much of it is taken from the city by the ambitious bus line operators from nearby communities.

It costs most of the people in the Greater Torrance Trading Area 15 cents to come to Torrance. However, out-of-town buses traversing the same area will take the consumers to Gardena, Redondo Beach, or Wilmington for 10 cents.

WANT BUSINESS
"If you want the business, go after it" is what one out-of-town operator told a reporter for the Press. "If Torrance doesn't want it, we'll take it, and gladly."

The Press survey finds that the Wilmington Bus Company takes passengers of the Keystone (Continued on Page Two)

One Man Control Of Traffic Here

Motorists of Torrance. Obey all traffic direction signs as you come upon them.

We were wrong, but were we surprised? The City Council has delegated to the Chief of Police complete, final, absolute and supreme powers to control the flow of traffic in Torrance.

So, when we said last week that there was no ordinance calling for "right turn only" signs out of certain alleys and parking areas, we said so without knowledge that Ordinance No. 446 confers dictatorial traffic powers on the chief, to set traffic signals where he wishes, to require right turns here, and left turns there, at his discretion and without sanction of the City Council other than that provided in the ordinance.

We were told by the City Attorney's office that no such or-

Where Can I Register? Asks Torrance Voter

Registration of voters for the November election will close Thursday, September 14. The City Hall will remain open until 9 p.m. for registration.

Besides two deputy registrars in the Torrance City Hall, open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00

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County's Highest Tax Rate Adopted
County Board of Supervisors last week adopted its highest tax rate in the county's history, a general county tax rate of \$1.9350 per \$100 assessed value. This is 33 1/2 cents above last year's \$1.60 rate.

This high \$1.9350 was cut down from an anticipated \$1.97 rate by reducing funds appropriated to cover expected tax delinquents.

Transferred from the charities fund to the county general fund was \$1,926,000. This was to cover this year's delinquent taxes. Arthur J. Will, superintendent of Charities, said his department was able to release the money because rising employment has minimized the number of indigent aid cases.

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